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His Excellency Fernand Muûls presented today to His Excellency the Governor-General at Government House his Letter of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Belgium to Canada.

The Acting Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Brooke Claxton, was in attendance on the Governor-General on this occasion. The Chief of Protocol, Mr. H.F. Feaver, presented the Ambassador to the Governor-General. Mr. Lionel Massey, Secretary to the Governor-General, was also present. The Ambassador was accompanied by the following members of his Embassy: Mr. Alain de Thysebaert, Counsellor; Major Comte de Hemricourt de Grunne, Military Attaché; and Mr. Joseph Pieters, Attaché.

Mr. Muûls, who was born in 1892, is a Doctor of Law and a member of the Institut de droit international of Belgium. He entered the diplomatic service in 1920 and has since then held several important posts in the Belgian Foreign Ministry. He has also taught diplomatic history and international and constitutional law in the Belgium Ecole de guerre. He has represented his country at several international conferences. Prior to his appointment to Canada, he was Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany and Head of the Belgian Military Mission at Berlin.

Mr. Muûls succeeds the Marquis du Parc Locmaria as Ambassador to Canada.
